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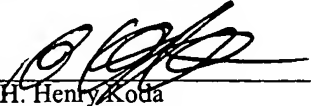
- ☒ 10 sheets of drawings
- ☒ Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-030056 of February 6, 2003 on which Convention priority is claimed
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to ASTEER CO., LTD.

☐ Applicant claims Small Entity Status

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| A                   | TOTAL CLAIMS FEE   | 5                   | -20 | 0                       | LG=\$18<br>SM=\$9   | \$18   | \$ 0      |        |
| B                   | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*  | 1                   | -3  | 0                       | LG=\$86<br>SM=\$43  | \$86   | \$ 0      |        |
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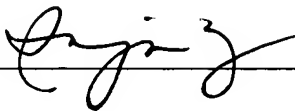
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